

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Walter Fix et al.
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FOR: ORGANIC ELECTRONIC COMPONENT WITH HIGH
RESOLUTION STRUCTURING, AND METHOD OF THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF
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SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is supplementary to a proposed amendment filed May 14, 2008 in
response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2008.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as shown starting on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4.

LISTING SHOWING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing replaces all prior listings of claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1 (Currently amended). An electronic component made from primarily organic material, comprising:

[[a]] an electrically insulating substrate and/or lower layer having a depression formed by a laser; and

at least one electrical conductor track and/or electrode in the depression, the depression having steep walls, sharp contours and a relatively rough bottom surface, the at least one conductor track and/or electrode comprising at least one electrically conductive material for interconnecting electrical components on the substrate .

2 (Previously presented). The electronic component as claimed in claim 1, having at least two conductor tracks and at least two electrically conductive electrodes and a distance l smaller than $10 \mu\text{m}$ between the two conductor tracks, the at least two electrodes and/or between a conductor track and an electrode.

3 (Previously presented). The electronic component as claimed in claim 1 wherein the conductor track and/or electrode comprises at least one metallic layer or metal alloy layer.

4 (Previously presented). The electronic component as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one layer of the conductor track is organic material.

5 (Currently amended). A method for producing an organic electronic component with a conductor track or electrode, the component having [[a]] an insulating lower layer and/or a substrate, the method comprising treating the lower layer and/or substrate with a laser such that at least one depression and/or one modified region are formed in the lower layer and/or the substrate, then filling the depression and/or modified region with an electrically conductive material to thereby produce the conductor track and/or electrode from the electrically conductive material for interconnecting electrical components.

6 (Previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 6, including the step of mechanically structuring the electrically conductive material.

7 (Previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 5 in which superfluous electrically conductive material is produced, the method including wiping off the superfluous conductive material in a process step following the application of the layer.

8 (Previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 6. Including forming the at least one depression and/or one modified region with a pulsed laser.

9 (Previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 6 which is carried out in a continuous roll-to-roll process.

10 (Previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the electrically conductive material is metallic.

REMARKS

Applicants' proposed amendment of May 14, 2008 was submitted for purposes of discussion with the examiner in a proposed telephone interview which never occurred. The undersigned was unable to reach the examiner by phone (who did not return applicant's calls). Instead, the undersigned discovered that the PTO entered the proposed amendment into its electronic data base (based on its web site file wrapper system) as a response after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116. Applicants had submitted the proposed amended claims 1 and 5 in view of and in response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2008.

Applicants then received an Advisory Action date June 11, 2008 denying entry of the proposed amendment and indicating that the claims were not according to 37 CFR 1.126 and future amendments must comply with 1.126.

On June 23, 2008 applicants filed a Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to reverse the Advisory Action to either enter the amendment and/or withdrawn the Advisory Action in view of the fact that applicants believed that the cited reference is not relevant to the claims either prior to or subsequent to the proposed amendment.

A Decision on the Petition was issued dated July 8, 2008 and agreed with the Petition request, in that prosecution will be reopened and effectively the prior Action of April 15, 2008 is being withdrawn and superseded by a new Action.

The Decision states that the amendment after final will not be entered on the grounds that the claims are not according to 37 CFR 1.121. The Decision requests that applicants refile the amendment with the claims in appropriate form under 37 CFR 1.131.

To this extent, this paper is in response to this request to place the claims as amended in proper form according to 37 CFR 1.121. In essence, a listing is attached

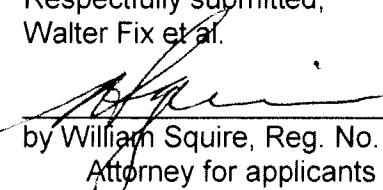
on a separate paper of all claims including the proposed amended claims with the amendments as proposed.

Entry of this paper is believed appropriate in view of the Decision on Petition and such action is respectfully requested.

While no fee is believed due for this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit deposit account 03 0678 for any under or overpayments in connection with this paper.

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